

WOOD RIVER WATERSHED ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Fairfield, ID

Public comment for the Little Wood River Subbasin Assessment and TMDL ended on January 21, 2005. Comments were received from the Lava Lake Land & Livestock, the US Forest Service, the Idaho Department of Lands, and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

Comments and responses comment will/are incorporated into the document and can be viewed in the final copy of the document. If you are interested in the responses to comment prior to the approval of the final document contact Jennifer Claire at the DEQ Twin Falls Regional Office (208)736- 2190.

Comments included:

- Divisions of state land
- Identification of the Hayspur Hatchery as a nonpoint source rather than a point source
- Temperature conditions in various segments of water bodies
- Use of historical fish data on Muldoon Creek
- Beaver dam locations on Fish Creek
- Monitoring locations and representative conditions
- Application of temperature TMDLs to headwater reaches where temperature standards are being met
- Applicability of aerial photo interpretations of canopy cover
- Reasoning for Idaho Tire Recovery lack of wasteload allocation
- Clarification of the TSS target as a monthly or yearly target
- Natural condition standard language for temperature TMDLs
- Use of EPA Ecoregional Nutrient Criteria rather than EPA Gold Book TP criteria
- Bedload sediment (percent fines) targets verification
- Canopy Cover Methodology documentation
- Mines as point sources rather than non point sources
- Use of MOS in Natural potential vegetation temperature TMDLs
- Applying heat load to point sources in a canopy cover temperature TMDL
- Construction storm water wasteload allocations for sediment TMDLs
- Design flow calculations for point source facilities for TP TMDLs
- Nuisance aquatic vegetation growth observance
- Anthropogenic activities influencing summer fluctuations of E.coli
- Description of K factors for soils
- Identification of number of samples of newer field data
- Erosion rate calculations for stream bank erosion TMDLs
- More description of macroinvertebrate data
- Table of intermittent/perennial status of stream segments and summary of assessments